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ARE NOW LANDING
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CAMPBELL'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
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Small HOMINY.
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White BEANS.
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Prime HAMS and BACON.
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Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUVA, ISMAILIA,
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON TUESDAY, the 6th November,
1893, Noon, the Company's
S. S. *AYADY*, Commandant LORRE, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and
copied in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 5th November.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on
the 5th November. (Parcels are not to be
sent on board; they must be left at the
Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 26, 1893. no6

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.**

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *OCEANIC* will be despatched
for San Francisco, via Yokohama,
with the option of calling at Honolulu,
on SATURDAY, the 15th November, at
3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

Remains Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return
Passage Orders available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Office addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

J. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 27, 1893. no17

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.
(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE
IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely-
printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from
the Daily China Mail, is published
twice a month on the morning of the
English Mail's departure, and is a re-
cord of each fortnight's current history
of events in China and Japan, con-
tributed in original reports and collated
from the journals published at the various
ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai,
Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete
Commercial Summary.

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paid 50 cents), \$12 per annum (postage
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BAIN, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham
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English Mail Steamer leaves.

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China Mail.

STEAM PAKET.
H. K. O. and M.
Steamboat.
Indo-China S.
Nav. Co., Ltd.

China & Manila
S. S. Coy., Ltd.

MISCELLANEOUS.
H. K. & W. P.
Dock.
H. K. & China
Gas Co.

H. K. & China
Hotel.
China Gas Co.
H. K. & China
Ice Co.

H. K. & China
Bacon Co.
Luzon Sugar Co.

LOANS.
Chi. Imp., 1874
" " 1877
" " 1878
" " 1881

Sugar Deben-
tures, 1880.

" " 1881

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE LOFTUS TROUPE
WILL OPEN THEIR SEASON EARLY
NEXT WEEK
(dependent upon the arrival of the next
Mitre Bismarck Steamer)

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S CELEBRATED
COMIC OPERA,
THE
PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

NEW AND APPROPRIATE SCENES BY
C. J. BARBER.
Correct Costumes and Artistic Properties.

The Company having had a most successful
Season at Shanghai and in Japan, will
spare neither pains nor expense to
mount all their pieces in the
most complete manner.

PRICES:
Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.00.
Pit, 50c to \$1.00.

SUBSCRIPTION TICKETS.
Dress Circle or Stalls, 12 Nights, \$20.00.

In the Subscription Series no piece will
be presented twice.

Box Plan now ready at Messrs. KELLY &
WALSH.

Hongkong, October 20, 1893.

Notices to Consignees.

**NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEIL-
LAISE DE NAVIGATION**
A VAPEUR.

STEAMSHIP "LIBAN,"
LARIE, Commander.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel from LONDON, MAR-
SEILLES and intermediate Ports, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
at their risk into Godown of the Under-
signed, at Wharfedale, No. 3, behind the pre-
mises known as Blue Buildings, whence
and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery
may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 31st Instant will be
subject to sale.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 24, 1893. oc31

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Arcton* having arrived,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby request-
ed to send in their Bills of Lading to the
Under signed for countersignature, and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after the 31st October, will be
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense, and no Fire Insurance will be
effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that all
Claims must be made immediately, as
none will be entertained after the 8th
November.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 24, 1893. oc31

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Cairnmuir*, Captain
CASTLE, having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby re-
quested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Under signed for countersignature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be at once landed and stored
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on to
YOKOHAMA, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-morrow, 27th Inst.

All Claims against the Steamer must
be presented to the Under signed on or before
the 3rd Nov., or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 26, 1893. oc2

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. Oct. 30, 1893.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid- up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Di- vidend.	Closing Quota- tions, Cash.
BANKS.							
H. K. and S. H.	60,000	125	125	3,198,350	52,509.62	£2	191 1/2 = \$363 1/2
INSURANCE.							
N. H. China Ins.	1,000 TL	2,000	TL 600 TL	400,000 TL	230,404.77	TL 75	TL 1,400 p. sh.
Yongtong Ins.	1,200 TL	350	TL 350 TL	538,235 TL	3,089.70	18 1/2	1015 1/2
Union Ins. Soc.	2,000	1,250	125	600,000	\$76,501.00	18.20	\$20 ex div.
China Tradem.	24,000	83.33	25	600,000	107,411.65	22 1/2	\$73 p. share
ROYAL CHINA WHISKY.	10,000	250	50	805,127.77	102		\$115
ROYAL OLD TOM.	10,000	250	50	100,878	63,007.18	32	\$215
E. & J. BURN'S IRISH WHISKY.	1,500	1,000	200	861,000	250,732.58	\$20 1/2	\$350
ROYAL LIME JUICE CORDIAL.	8,000	250	50	600,000	109,366.49	\$3.50	\$73
ROYAL LIME JUICE CORDIAL.	20,000	100	20				
CHINA FIRE INS.	20,000	100	20				
STEAM PAKET.							
H. K. O. and M.	8,000	100	75	200,000	41,320.95	6 1/2	\$123
Indo-China S.	120,000	10	10				
China & Manila	3,500	\$100	all				
MISCELLANEOUS.							
H. K. & W. P.	10,000	125	125	\$18,000 1/2	2,083.04	4 1/2	58 1/2 p. sh.
H. K. & China	5,000	10	10	17,768.18	1,144.18		\$80 p. share
H. K. & China	2,000	100	100	30,000			\$5
H. K. & China	1,000	100	100	5,895.56	\$8		\$140
H. K. & China	1,250	100	100	15,250	687.08	12 1/2	\$155
H. K. & China	600	30	50	4,000	233.45	5 1/2	\$82
Luzon Sugar Co.	7,000	100	100		4,000.65		\$81
LOANS.							
Chi. Imp., 1874	100	all			June 30 Dec 31		
" " 1877	100	all			Feb 28 Aug 31		
" " 1878	100	all			April 1 Oct 1		
" " 1881	100	all			Jan 1 Dec 1		
Sugar Deben- tures, 1880.	600	all			June & Dec.		2 1/2 p. sh.

any way as apologists for war. We only wish to point out that the situation is by no means as desponding for British trade and British interests as some would have us think, and that we may await the result with entire composure.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]
(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

REAPPEARANCE OF CHOLERA.

AT ALEXANDRIA.
LONDON, 29th October, 1883.
Cholera has again broken out in Alexandria; twelve deaths occurred yesterday.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Telemachus* left Singapore on the 24th inst.; due here on or about the 25th inst.
The S. S. *Breconshire* left Singapore on the 25th inst.; due here on or about the 1st proximo.
The S. S. *Glennaholm* left Singapore on the 27th inst.; due here on or about the 2nd proximo.

We would again remind our readers that the B. at in aid of the Bazar Chinese Girls' school takes place in the City Hall to-morrow afternoon. Proceedings commenced at two o'clock. We trust the bazaar will be largely attended and that the expectations of the promoters will be fully realised.

Mr. Afong, the photographer, has had a serious loss, no less than \$642 in notes having been stolen from his house. He was under the impression that the act had been committed by burglars, but Inspector Quincey, in whose hands the matter was placed as an expert in the ways of these gentry, came to the conclusion that this was not the case. His suspicions fell upon a Chinese cook, whom he arrested; the case was brought before the magistrato today, but remanded to give the Inspector time for further inquiries.

It has been pointed out to us by more than one correspondent, that we have made a mistake of a minute in giving the time when the eclipse begins. Instead of the time being Oct. 31st, 4th. 20m. 4s. a.m., it should have been Oct. 31st, 4th. 30m. 4s. a.m. The mistake was due to a simple error in addition. The sun does not rise here, however, until 1 hour 35 minutes after the commencement of the eclipse. Our calculations were based on the longitude of the Cathedral, which explains the small difference, after the above error is corrected, there is between our times and that of our correspondent, whose letter appears in to-night's issue, and who bases his calculations on the longitude of Morrison Hill.

This afternoon His Highness the Maharajah of Johore took his departure from Hongkong in the steamer *Sutlej* for Singapore. His Highness was accompanied to the wharf by His Excellency Major-General Sargent, and several Officers of the Garrison. He was there met by the Hon. W. H. Marsh, and Admiral Meyer, and later on by His Excellency the Governor. A guard of honour from the Bala under the command of Captain Gordon, with the regimental colours and Band, was drawn up on the Cricket Ground, and saluted His Highness both before and on leaving. Their Excellencies the Governor and the General, the Hon. W. H. Marsh, Colonel Farnell, and a number of the officers went off in the Governor's launch with His Highness, who was saluted by the shore battery as the launch left the wharf.

A CASE of a somewhat analogous nature to cases which have frequently been brought before the Courts at home occurred in our local tribunal today. A Chinese, unannounced by the daughter of a hostess, went off to see her yesterday afternoon. The girl's mother, doubting her remembering her old days of sweethearting, let them bill and coo to their heart's content in the stern of the boat, where she had a box containing clothes and \$60. At 7.30 p.m. the young lovers went ashore, and the mother, on going shortly afterwards to the stern of the boat, made the discovery that her box had been broken open, and the money taken. The anxious and distressed parent went in pursuit of the runaway, and captured, this morning, a certain Chai Akeung, of no occupation, who she asserts is the man, and whom she charged to-day with the theft. Nothing has been heard of the inmates of this celestial Jock O'Hassell, and she may have had time to get "over the borders and away," more lucky than the gallant, who is still awaiting the decision of the court.

The idea of a Clergy Club is being mooted at home, and has been so well patronised by requests from the Clergy to be made members that there is little doubt of the success of the movement.

THE *London Figure* learns from statute 19, George II. c. 21, that the price of an oath is fixed according to a regular scale. The labourer, sailor, or soldier who curses profanely forfeits one shilling. Every other person "under the degree of a gentleman" has to pay two shillings for the privilege of using bad language, and a gentleman or person of superior rank may be mulcted in five times the amount of the fine imposed upon the labourer, soldier, or sailor, which is hard upon a gentleman or a person of rank, considering that more profane swearing is certainly to be heard from a shilling than any gentleman is capable of.

If a native paper is to be believed, the Japanese authorities contemplate a decided novel way of encouraging the police. It is asserted that a museum of swords, clubs, &c., which have been injured or blood-stained in encounters with robbers is to be established, in order to fire the emulation of the constables. Photographs of notorious offenders, and accounts of their struggles with criminals, will also be preserved.

I wonder how many more people are going to risk their lives voluntarily in order to demonstrate what the consequences would be if they were compelled to do so through an accident. Captain Dwyer nearly met with his death on Thursday, through trying to fall from Dover to Folkestone in a tub. I cannot see what good any of these feats do. If a man falls into the Niagara Rapids, or finds himself in the sea with only a tub, he does his best to save his life. How what anybody else has done helps him under the circumstances, I never could understand.

THE *Edinburgh*, turret-ship, which was built at Pembroke, and launched and christened by the Duchess of Edinburgh, in whose honour her name was changed from the *Ma-jestic*, underwent her speed trials on the 20th September. The ship went out of the harbour at half-past 8, and proceeded down the Channel. Returning to Folkestone, she had her run at the measured mile, her mean speed being 13.959 knots. She again proceeded below the Neb Lightship, and completed her six hours' full-power trial. The total distance run during the six hours, as shown by the patent-log was 99 miles; the indicated horse-power, which, according to contract, should be 6,000, was exceeded by some 200. The trial was, therefore, most satisfactory, especially in the excessive power developed. The engines, which are three-cylinder vertical engines, with revolutions of 85 at high speed, are by Messrs. Humphreys and Tennant, and they worked with great regularity and smoothness, and, in fact, to the entire satisfaction of the officials. The ship also steered exceedingly well.

AN Indian paper writes:—At Nungun-bakum, in the Madras Presidency, they have an odd way of casting out devils, so odd indeed that some of the enlightened residents in that place have petitioned the Commissioner of Police to stop the proceedings of one professional exorcist, who carries on his business with the assistance of "dread howlings and jarring drums," and thus outrages his neighbours' sense of refinement. The petition contains a very graphic description of the method by which the evil spirits are expelled, and the treatment is so severe that it seems more likely to drive them in than to cast them out. In the case of a girl, the regimen observed included eight days' solitary imprisonment, a merciless thrashing, continual drenching with water, and being dragged about by the hair. The enlightened theory of exorcism, we presume, is, that the mind expels the demon by the mortification of the flesh; but the more successful the method seems to be to reduce the body to such a condition that no evil spirit would wish to dwell in such a carcass.

It appears that now that the hideous khakoe uniform has been introduced into use for the British troops in India, the Commander in chief there is about to take the question of the new dress of the British troops into consideration, with a view, apparently, to modifying some of its disagreeable, or possibly to abandoning it altogether. Each commanding officer of a British regiment is to be asked to give his views on the great khakoe question. It is to be hoped that a very rational proposal, viz., that two suits of khakoe should be retained for active service, and the old red and buff uniform returned to, will be adopted. Khakoe is an undeniably useful and serviceable fabric, but when new it has a horrible odour, and after a little time changes its colour with a chameleon-like rapidity. A soldier cannot keep himself smart in it, and would soon give up his smart at the very thing which makes our men at the very thing which makes our men at parade. Considering how much the dress has to do with attracting recruits for our military army, it is to be hoped that the authorities will effect this desired change.

HERE is good anecdote of Sir Evelyn Wood. During the height of the mutiny in Central India, and when he was in command of a troop of Horse, it was necessary to send important despatches through the heart of the enemy's country. Wood volunteered for this dangerous duty, and, possessing a fair knowledge of Hindostanee, disguised himself as an itinerant merchant. Attended by only one Sepoy, also disguised, he travelled by night and rested only when he arrived near the camp of the rebel forces. Here he was detained and examined, but allowed to sleep in a tent under surveillance. In the night, as he expected, some native soldiers entered stealthily, and, crawling silently in the darkness, carefully searched his saddle-bags, but found nothing but sundry small articles of merchandise, the pocket of despatches in its leather case having been carefully untied by Wood from his turban, and buried underneath the spot where he slept in a hole dug with his sharp knife. The next morning he and his attendant were allowed to proceed, carrying with them the letters, which, if discovered, would have brought short shrift to the messengers.—*Figaro*.

FOUR individuals, described as "gentlemen of position," have been touring in the north-western counties arrayed as gipsies, and quartered in a regular gipsy van. Last week they halted near a village in Wiltshire, and one of the party commenced angling in a most inviting trout stream which was flowing close by the encampment; but he was not aware that this water is strictly preserved, and presently a keeper appeared, and, after an altercation, the fisherman was arrested and conveyed to the lock-up. His friends, finding their explanations received with derision, proceeded to the residence of the noble lord who owned the water, and as he luckily looked upon the affair as a good joke, they obtained an order for the immediate release of the prisoner.—*Truth*.

guide, which, to use an Americanism, "would make a nigger sick." His name is Pierre Motier. On the 31st ultimo he started from the Alhambra Hospice at day-break, and made, with a tourist, an ascent of over 10,000 feet, returning after twelve hours. There he found on getting back a telegram from another tourist who required his assistance, and started off instantly to Bergin, a distance of three hours, after which he made the second ascent and descent, occupying together seventeen hours and finishing his labours on the night of the 1st September. He had been on his feet the whole time.—*Life*.

THE following true story of spontaneous charity, says *Life*, sounds delightfully fresh in these cynical times:—"Mlle. Anne Dronseret, a promising pupil of the Conservatoire, was sitting one morning at her window, in the Rue Serrier, when a poor woman came along the street singing in a low and broken voice in the hopes of earning a few sous. Her glance was directed at the poor woman, and she remained silent, and the much-needed help came not. She turned sorrowfully away to try her fortune in another quarter; but the aching limbs refused to carry her farther, and the poor wretch sank down on the pavement. It was but the work of a moment for Anne Dronseret to fly to the aid of the stranger, and of her unselfish desire, to raise her from the ground, and to read earnestly the plain written on her features. Money she had none to give—her own studies and the necessities of daily life absorbed the whole of her little pittance—but she took the poor woman and her home, and with the full force of the street with one of the professors at the Conservatoire. Like magic the windows on all sides flew open, and at the conclusion of the song a shower of silver pieces rained down, until at last the poor woman was sent on her way with a sum of seventy francs in her pocket. It reads almost like a tale of Ouida; but it is a true story for all that, and when the name of Dronseret becomes as famous as that of Nilsson or Tietjens, this little act of charity may, perhaps, commend itself to the army of her admirers and biographers."

THE *Madras Mail* has the following account of the proceedings of a swindler who appears to have been entirely successful in his operations at the "benighted" capital:—"The Police are on the track of Mr. Bremmer, of the firm of Mansfield, Bremmer & Co., recently established at Madras, who is charged with extensive swindling. The victims are very numerous, the Madras Government being among them. The following are a few among many instances of his sharp practice at Madras. Shortly after his arrival in Madras we are told, he prevailed upon Messrs. Deane & Co., to supply him with a suite of furniture including a piano. This he forthwith mortgaged to Sowcar Aghur Chund, and an application was made at the High Court yesterday (Monday), for having this property sent to Messrs. Frank & Co. for sale, in order that the said property might be got out of it. In the course of business he undertook to supply Government with timber, and he got the Consulting Architect to Government to inspect some timber, which was not bona fide his own property, and succeeded in getting an advance of Rs. 15,000 from Government. Not long ago he succeeded in getting an accommodation from the Agra Bank of Rs. 10,000 for a short period. When the money became due, he utilized the securities (curiously in cash in this instance) of his cash-keeper and other employees with which he punctually paid up the Bank. This apparent honesty of the course of another week, Mr. Bremmer applied for another accommodation of Rs. 20,000. It was given without hesitation. After the receipt of this (which we hear he converted into sovereigns) he absconded. He has a good start of the police, who left Madras by mail train about the 25th of last month, and the services of the police were called in at the end of last week. He was traced as far as Cuddapah. The next information the police got was that he had taken a steamer at Colombo for Venice, and they telegraphed to Aden to arrest him on the arrival of the steamer at that port. A rumour was current in Madras on Saturday that he had been arrested, and that 4,000 sovereigns were found in his possession." Later accounts show that this person arrested was the wrong man.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

I am glad to see in your paper that a portion of the Race-course is to be utilized as a Cricket Ground. The new "Victoria Cricket Club" has my wishes for its success, and I have no doubt its institution will have to be thanked for much improvement in both the health and the muscle of its members. In a climate like that of Hongkong too much attention cannot be devoted to exercise.

It will be some time before we shall forget Dobson's dashing innings on Saturday afternoon. He let out at nearly every ball, his hits to leg being particularly fine. Besides, he went in when the game was at a crisis and saved the Club a defeat. Making twenty-four runs with seven consecutive balls is probably without a precedent, at least in Hongkong.

I wonder if anybody took the time in which his forty-two runs were made. Massive, the brilliant Australian cricketer, in the opening match of his last tour of the Australian Eleven, made 206 runs in three hours against the bowling of the Oxford University.

Whoever captained the Club eleven showed great judgment in sending in Scoones with, while the latter made the runs. I must also say a word of praise in praise of that promising young cricketer Barff. In the first innings he made 43, not out; in the second he made 27 before he was caught out, with a really magnificent catch by Porter in the long field. The fielding of the "Buffs" was very good; that of Bunbury at point particularly so.

I see that Mr. Cameron, the special correspondent of the *Standard*, leaves by the

English mail to-day. That was an interesting description he gave of Hongkong and the voyage to Tonquin. I cannot, however, exactly endorse the following as gospel:—"The streets, rising one above the other, are illuminated by myriads of Chinese lanterns that hang over every door, and almost over every window. These successive tiers of lights are again reflected in the shimmering waters below, across which fit incessantly the tiny lanterns of the numerous sampans that ply amongst the shipping."

I know Mr. Cameron is a gentleman who is never thirty, otherwise I should have imagined he had seen double, and trouble, and about a thousand fold when he sat down to write about these myriads of Chinese lanterns, and their reflections on the shimmering waters. As to the fitting lanterns of the sampans, I was under the impression that a standing complaint against these boats was that they would not carry lights.

The Race-course will, I presume, be opened in the usual manner on the 1st proximo, and our veteran sportsmen will go down as usual to sign their names in the coffee-book, the earliest form—I beg the pardon of the sporting fraternity—taking to himself much credit for being the first on the list. I hear that, notwithstanding the hard work and careful attention of our popular O.C., the course still shows signs of the effects of the heavy rains we have had this season.

The bath-house is not going to the dogs, but the dogs—dead ones—appear to be going to it. I am told the bathmen had the company of a drowned dog this morning.

By the way, the comments in your reports of the Aquatics Sports the other day, on the dilapidated appearance of the bath-house, were not too strong. I hear that several bathers have been badly stung by jelly fish, which can easily get into the bath owing to the state of the lamboos.

Punch has been making very merry over the Franco-Chinese embroglio. One sage observes that the newest "Chinese puzzle" are the despatches from Tonquin. Another writer gives a variation of "you may go to Hongkong for me," Germany being supposed to be addressing France:—

To Tonkin she has gone,
This is capital fun.
Though, as policy, fiddle-de-dee.
If adventure she love,
I shan't throw down the glove,
She may go to—Hongkong for me!

Now the winter months are almost upon us, some of your readers may be glad to know there is one very pleasant walk in this Colony, which is not perhaps well known, but which will fill your lungs with sea breeze far freer than that enjoyed in the harbour. Take the stean-launch—it is clean enough in front to Shau-ki-wan, and then walk up to Cape Collinson light-house. You get back in time to catch the return launch, which leaves, however, very early, but if you miss it you can walk back to Hongkong on one of the best roads in the Colony.

One of the best wooded parts of the island is where the Hongkong end of the tunnel of the Tytan water-works is being bored at the back of the Wong-nei-chong village. I do trust the engineer in charge of those works, or some one in authority, will take care that the coolies employed on this end of the tunnel do not damage the trees in the neighbourhood.

Just a hint for sportsmen here during the ensuing racing season. According to an Indian paper, an amusing scene was witnessed at the old stand, Calcutta, when the well-known racing pony *Harb* was brought up for a certificate. He was first passed at the height he has invariably run at up-country meets; then his owners' representative, prize-worthily wishing to get him in low as possible, took him away, manipulated his heels, and brought him back again; when lo and behold he measured an inch more. Why? Simply because his heels being tender he stood on his toes. Moral—Don't try to cut it too fine.

APPROPOS of the adoption of part of the Race-course as a Cricket Ground, a correspondent writes to me, making a somewhat noteworthy suggestion. He deprecates the absence of trees in Hongkong, but suggests that there is no reason why, during the approaching winter afternoons and evenings, we should not be able to enjoy some skating. Let a portion of the Race-course be made into a skating rink!

The suggestion is novel, and I would put it forward as the merest suggestion that the new Victoria Ice Company should change its name to the "Victoria Skating Company," and, instead of manufacturing ice to cool our drinks, the Company might manufacture an ice floor, or the best substitute for one, on which we can crank our heads, dislocate our limbs and perform the hundred and one other vagaries of the skating rink.

There might be a great deal of fun over such an institution, but I question if it would become very fashionable.

Some of the Indian and home papers mixed up to a perplexing degree the Logan

affair and the riot on Shamien. No doubt many of your readers have read some of these strange mixtures themselves.

Punch thinks that Mr. Gla stone should no longer be known as the "Grand Old Man," but as the "Grand Old Feller"—tree feller!

"Nature abhors a vacuum," and just to fill up the last sheet before me, I may note that Li Hung Chang appears to have expressly stated to Sir George Bowen in the North that he was in favour of peace, progress, and the introduction of railways and telegraphs. It is interesting to find perhaps the most powerful man in China making this avowal in 1883. The declaration is not without its significance for the future of the country.

The Governor evidently knows how to tickle the "Napoleon of the East." Bravo! Sir George—very smart compliment.

CUTTLE.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
Stag Hotel, Hongkong, Oct. 30.

DEAR SIR,—Excuse me for calling attention to a mistake of 55.8 seconds in your last night's correspondent's elements of the eclipse. This you will perceive by inspecting the annexed figures. I thought it necessary to write you upon this subject, because I was asked if I had supplied the information your last night's correspondent said was erroneous.

Assuming Point Albert, now called Morrison Hill (Secondary Meridian) to be in 114° 57' E. or 7h. 36m. 38s., the following are the phases of the Annular Eclipse:

Taking G. M. T. the eclipse begins on the Earth generally Oct. 30, 9h. 33m. 24s.

Point Albert Long. 114° 57' 07" E. =

Local M. Time at Hong-

Long. 12h. = 4.30.03 a.m. +

Central Eclipse at Noon,

Oct. 30, 11.36.48

Long. H'kong in Time, 7.36.39.3

Local Time at HK. 12h. = 7.13.27.8 a.m.

Central Eclipse ends Oct.

30, 11.33.42

Long. in Time, 7.36.39.3

Local M. Time at HK, 10.12.18 a.m.

Ends on the Earth generally

Oct. 30, 14.48.30

Long. in Time, 7.36.39.3

Local M. Time at HK, 10.25.09.8

+ Difference = 4.30.03.8

+ China Mail, 4.29.04.0

Error, 0.00.59.8

Capt. JOHN AMBROSE CLARKE.

Police Intelligence.

(Before Capt. H. G. Thomsett R.N.)

Tuesday, Oct. 30.

CHARGE AGAINST A CONSTABLE.

JOE Ahat, a lunko, employed on board the *Jack Ebb*, 176, at present in the custody of the police, when it was his duty to look after the boat and property contained therein, was accused by Inspector Cameron of stealing an opium pipe, an umbrella, a brass and a piece of cloth, value \$6. On the loss of the articles, being reported to the Inspector, he immediately searched and discovered them in a house in Mong Kok Tui. The man in whose possession they were said defendant had given them to him to be kept until called for.

This man, a hawker, was called and corroborated this evidence, saying that when a police sergeant came to his house to make enquiries he told him all he knew about the matter.

A lunko gave evidence as to discovering that the goods were missing, and the case was remanded until the 2nd prox.

ATTEMPT TO ROB.
WONG Ahuk, coolie, was charged, in company with three men not in custody, with attempting to rob a farmer of 100 taels of silver.

It appeared from complainant's evidence that he had recently returned from San Francisco. He was standing on the Praya waiting for a passenger boat with the buy of silver in his hand, when defendant came up and seized the bag, while two others laid hold of complainant from behind, and another caught him by the wrist. As complainant would not let go the bag, defendant hit his hand (mark shown). A cry of theft was raised, and the four men ran off. Defendant was stopped by the buy of silver, contained 85 taels silver dollars, 62 chopped dollars, 10 pieces broken silver, altogether its value was about 100 taels. Defendant asked no questions, and the case was remanded to the 6th prox.

ON SUSPICION.

AN Fat, coolie, was charged on suspicion with the theft of \$642 in notes, property of Afong, the photographer. Inspector Quincey, on Afong reporting the loss, examined the house, which showed no signs of having been broken into. From enquiries, he considered the defendant was concerned in the robbery but asked for a remand to make further investigation.

STEALING BRASS.

Lung Aing was brought up for stealing four brass hinges, value 40 cents. A considerable evidence as to seeing him in the act of so doing.

The case was remanded until to-morrow.

FOOCHOW.

We notice the arrival, by the S. S. *Toku* from Shanghai, of the Rev. Bishop Merrill and his wife. The Bishop is making a tour of inspection of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in China and Japan. He has visited the Mission in North and Central China, and will remain here for a few weeks, and preside at the Foochow Methodist conference commencing November 6th, and lasting one week. From here, the Bishop and Mrs. Merrill will return homeward via Hongkong to San Francisco.

We are pleased to learn, upon good authority, that it is intended for one of H. B. M.'s gunboats to be regularly

stationed at Pagoda Anchorage.—*Foochow Herald*.

Nantsin.

There has not been any political news of much importance to communicate since my last in Nantsin, except in a few days from Peking; and Mr. Russell Young, who looked for almost immediately from the South.

With you, as well as with people in Hongkong, it appears that the cause of the many Chinese failures is said to be speculation in mining shares. (Hoag, again, the Chinese are buying up. Kaiping is said as they can get them. The quotation to-day is Ts. 90 against Ts. 80 as given in the *Hu Pao*. Some attribute this improvement to the rich veins struck in the new shaft that has been sunk this year, and the improvement both in quality and quantity of the No. 3 seam, but others who are better informed ascribe it to the intervention which have taken place lately between the managers of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company and the Viceroy—immediately after which Mr. Hui Yu-chih left per steamer for Shanghai. It is said that in addition to the usual iron and silver mines to the north-east of Kaiping are to be worked, as a special bonus granted by His Excellency to the Company. Such, at least, is the report, which is being very freely discussed by the Chinese here, and it is this which has partially contributed to the rapid demand for shares. It is also known that Mr. Hui Yu-chih has made satisfactory arrangements with the Chung-tang with regard to the official Reserve Fund, and this has relieved the pressure on the Company's finances, local advance banks here having come forward to meet the demand so that the difficulties which were threatening the concern have been in part removed.

I am informed that the Canton indemnity has been fixed at \$100,000, and that this sum has been accepted; but I cannot vouch for the truth of this. Also that the ring-leaders of the mob are to be beheaded.—*N. C. D. News*.

Oct. 18th.
Your occasional Correspondent is slightly in fault, I think, in saying that Mr. Tricoe declined the offer of the Chung-tang's launch to tow him up the river. It was not offered him. Two Ministers were here at the same time, and both wanted to go to Peking. To offer the launch to either would have seemed to be discourtesy to the other, especially if "the other" was Mr. Tricoe. But "fortune favours the brave," and with her favouring hand the Chung-tang was equal to the emergency—he offered his launch, and the Governor of Hongkong, and so the three high functionaries were towed up the river. All were pleased, and no one felt slighted. Such we learn were the facts.

A rumour has been afloat for the last few days to the effect that the Kaiping Mining Company has failed. How much of truth there is in it it is not easy to say. It is well known that a large sum of money was sunk in the ground with the shafts before any coal was brought to the surface. It is only recently that they have begun to pay expenses, not to mention the interest on the previous heavy outlay. So there seems to be some ground for such a rumour to stand on while yet it is any kind of speculation. Some of the coal from their mines "guaranteed" to be No. 5 seam—is now for sale at Ts. 6 per ton, instead of the originally advertised price of Ts. 5. It does seem to be a great misfortune that the first mining operations should not have been started in the most judicious manner, where time, coal, and iron and probably other metals, abound in close proximity, and whence communication is near and easy to Tientsin, instead of at Kaiping, which is certainly not all that could be wished.

U.S. Consul Zuck starts by *Pancho* to-morrow for the States, en route, leaving Vice-Consul Plicker in Charge.—*N. C. D. News*.

Peking.

Oct. 11th.
The newly-arrived British and French Ministers have had their interviews with Prince Kung and the members of the T'ung-li yamen. Mr. Tricoe and Sir George Bowen have been to the Great Wall, Ming Tombs and the usual round. Sir George leaves today for the north. Mr. Tricoe will probably follow. The agents of the Shanghai firms who visit us twice annually have been on their autumn tour, and have, like the swallows, returned to warmer climes. The weather is getting decidedly cooler here—but very pleasant. The leaves are beginning to turn yellow and fall; in a very short time winter will be upon us, and then we shall again be shut out from the civilised world for three months. The other night it thundered all right and the sky was illuminated almost as brightly as during the day. The new Russian Minister and family arrived overland via Siberia yesterday. The Customs students have returned from their pleasant enforced sojourn at the Hills and are now preparing to leave for the respective ports to which they have been appointed. We understand Mr. Menacini goes to Amoy, Mr. de la Touche to Foochow, and Mr. Brosch to Tientsin. Mr. Pryn has already gone to Chefoo. Mrs. Grosvenor and Mrs. Bushell leave in a few days for Europe. Mr. Grosvenor, it is understood, will remain here till the spring. It may be news to a commercial centre like yours to know that Mr. Kierulff is having his store rebuilt and enlarged. His store is very much frequented by the higher Chinese in search of foreign curios. He seems to be doing an excellent business. Speaking of new buildings, I should have told you that a new Roman Catholic chapel has been lately built in the French Legation by the Fathers of the *Poi Tang* (Northern Cathedral) with an entrance in the street between the two old Legation gates.

We are pleased to learn that Señor Marzal, Interpreter to the Spanish Legation, has just been decorated with the Order of Charles III. We congratulate him upon receiving this decoration as a mark of the approval of his conduct by his Government.—*N. C. D. News*.

A FORTHING newspaper, with a ham sandwich supplement to each number, is the next literary novelty proposed.

No kissing by telephone for us. We prefer to take the electricity direct from the battery.

While her mother was taking a fly out to the battery, Miss Daisy asked, "Is that a butterfly, mamma?"

MADAME: "Wherefore art thou then so sad, Christiana? Has thy lover also gone to the war?" Christiana (weeping): "Yes, madame, all three!"—*Paris Paper*.

BEASTS, three years old, on seeing a fine bed of pansies in bloom cried out: "See the funny little faces 'out any heads'!"

A LITTLE ten-year-old miss told her mother that she was never going to marry, but meant to be a widow; because widows dressed in such nice black and always looked so happy.

Commercial.

Oct. 26th.
The market for Bengal Opium has kept pretty steady during the past fortnight, notwithstanding the earlier receipt of last month's drug coming to the market. The rate for Patna has slightly varied, and at the close has somewhat weakened, which may be attributed to the advance in the rate of exchange; though the drug is in large stock, the chief portion of it is held by strong parties. In Benares, a very fair business has passed for local requirements; this, combined with the call for the drug from the Coast ports and moderate stock, has tended to keep up the price for the drug so far. The day's quotations are \$570 to \$572 for Patna, and \$550 to \$557 for Benares.

The supply thus far received for next month, aggregates 3,228 chests. During the interval some 930 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 400 chests at the corresponding period last year, when neither money was tight nor rumours of a strike. The available supply is computed at some 3,500 chests, against that of 1,200 chests last year, when November's supply was not yet received, but the quantity of Benares was 400 chests; of which kind the present stock comprises a similar quantity.

FENIAN.—Sales at \$485 to \$530 for good to best; the stock is very fair business, against that of 2,850 chests last year.

Quotations.

SHIPPING IN OELNA, JAPAN

WATERS.

CANTON.
Flag & Rig. *Destination.*
 ang. Brit. str. Shanghai

MACAO.
 Chi. str. Canton
 Brit. str. Canton

SWATOW.
 In port on September 26, 1883.
 att. Siam. b.q.e.

AMOY.
 In port on October 23, 1883.
 Brit. b.q.e.
 Brit. b.q.e.
 Ger. b.q.e.
 Sued. b.q.e. Laid up
 Siam. b.q.e.
 Ger. b.q.e.
 Siam. b.q.e.
 Siam. b.q.e. Bangkok

schmann Ger. Sm. &c.
Anstrel Brit. bog.

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FOCCROW.
In port on October 20, 1893.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
British London
Colonies
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.
na Nilsson Amer. bog.

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SHANGHAI.
In port on October 24, 1893.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
British London, &c.
French Hongkong, &c.
Br. &c. do.
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British Hongkong
British C'foo & T'ain
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Yoshima	Mari Japanese	Nagasaki, &c.
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-fwan	Chinese	Hankow, &c.
-tuen	Chinese	
-uen	Chinese	
-ah	Chinese	
-li	British	
-ch	British	Hankow, &c.
-chi	Chinese	
-la	British	Hongkong, &c.
-o	British	
-umoro	British	Hongkong, &c.
-tsu	Chinese	Hongkong
-tsung	Chinese	Wenchow
-puling	Chinese	
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.		
-o-Indian	Brit.	bq.
-via	Brit.	bq.
-gth	Oh.	bq.

of Elgin	Brit.	bqe.
ard May	Amer.	bqe.
eston	Ger.	bqe.
g	Brit.	bqe.
g & Otto	Norw.	bqe.
d, Brewer	Amer.	bqe.
s	Brit.	bqe.
asako Maru	Japan.	bqe.
der	Brit.	bqe.
	Ger.	h.

NAGASAKI
 In port on October 20, 1883.
 Marden Brit. sch. Taku
 agawa Maru Japan, bqe.
 ara Maru Japan, bqe.

HIGO.
 In port on October 20, 1883.
 McNeil Amer. sh.
 trich Ger. sch.
 Wappana Brit. v. w.
 NUKU bqe.

Fr. Sm. sch.
 In Emma Brit. bqs.
 Dat. We.

YOKOHAMA
 In port on October 20, 1883.

	Amer. sch.
Diamond	Ger. bqs.
	Brit. bqs.
Benjūn	Ger. bqs.
oming	Brit. sh.
	Brit. bottle.
eta	Brit. bqs. London
ara	Brit. bqs.

MANILA
 In port on October 16, 1883.

y	Ger. bqs. Channel
eto	Fch. bqs. San Francisco
ail	Brit. sh.
daenger	Brit. bqs. Tayabas
us	Brit. sh. Hille
ighshire	Brit. bqs. London

Adoo	Amer.	sh.	New York
Stromer	Ger.	bge.	Channel
Prinztenberg	Ger.	bge.	London
—	Norw.	bge.	New York
Nicholson	Engl.	bge.	Newspool
L. Stone	Amer.	sh.	New York
—	Spain.	bge.	—
Mesian	Brit.	sh.	New York
—	Ger.	bge.	Liverpool

LEOIL.

In port on October 3, 1883.

J. Johnson	Amer.	bge.	Boston
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CEBU.

In port on October 3, 1883.

Hollia	Aust.	bge.	—
Wanderer	Ger.	sch.	United States
Wann	Ger.	bge.	—
Reuvers	Ger.	bge.	Channel

BANGKOK.

anco	Siam, bce. Java.
Amoy	Sia. Jm. sc. Achcen
Armyutge	Brit. bce.
Art	Brit. bce.
Art Simpson	Brit. bce.
Pan	Siam, sh. Laid up
Pe	Ger. Sm. sc.
n. Kamrye	Siam, bce.
	Siam, bce. Laid up
oad City	Siam, bce. Java
	Siam, bce. In Dock
	Siam, bce. Java
Brenatti	Ital. bce.
Chong	Brit. bce. Java.
	Siam, bce.
Chyo Sung	Siam, bce.
Boon Ho	Siam, bce. Java.
doek Chong	Siam, sh. Coast
Lee	Siam, sh.
ury	Siam, bce.
of England	Siam, sh. In Dock
	Ger. sh.
	Siam, bce.
Francisco	Ger. sh.

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